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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 33 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Furthermore, each feature disclosed in this specification (which term includes the claims) and/or shown in the drawings may be incorporated in the invention independently of other disclosed and/or illustrated features. In this regard, the invention includes any novel feature or combination of features disclosed herein either explicitly or any generalisation thereof irrespective of whether or not it relates to the claimed invention or mitigates any or all of the problems addressed.

The appended abstract as filed herewith is included in the specification by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 13, line 1, insert --What is claimed is:--

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said first means is provided by a client terminal.

4. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said second means is provided by an e-tag service site.

6. (Amended) A system according claim 1, wherein said second means is provided by a network.

Please add new claims 14-18 as follows:

-- 14. A system according to claim 2, wherein said first means is provided by a client terminal.

15. A system according to claim 2, wherein said second means is provided by an e-tag service site.

16. A system according to claim 3, wherein said second means is provided by an e-tag service site.

17. A system accordingly to any of claims 2, wherein said second means is provided by a network.

18. A system accordingly to any of claims 3, wherein said second means is provided by a network.--

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up copy version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current Amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

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~~to 3~~ claim 1, wherein said second means is provided by a  
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